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Dear Senator Abrams, Representative Steinberg, Senator Lesser, Representative Young, Senator Somers, Representative Petit and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am a Mansfield Center resident and own a small business in Willimantic, and I strongly support the bill: HB 7140- AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING SEAT BELTS, MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, THE OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM, MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION STATUTES.

I have spent a decade working as a psychologist in physical rehabilitation settings, most recently at Gaylord Specialty Healthcare. I have seen people's lives and quality of life saved by the use of appropriate helmets and other restrictive devices while operating motorcycles and other motor vehicles. The consequences of unhelmeted motorcycle accidents can be catastrophic for the rider, but their families and friends.

Please consider the health and safety of your constituents when you vote for Bill HB 7140.

Thank you for your consideration,

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